TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

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Events Honor Transportation

Transportation is going places. It moves the nation's goods and produce, and enables us to live, work and recreate what we want. Three transportation-related events will be held in May.

In recognition of transportation's tremendous impact on our society, President Carter has proclaimed May 13-19 as National Transportation Week.

Tentative plans for the observation of transportation week in this state include requesting that Governor Hunt designate May 13-19 as Transportation Week in North Carolina.

The Governor has also been invited to attend a program for DOT employees in Raleigh. The program, tentatively scheduled for May 15, will be held in the Highway Building auditorium as part of the Transportation Week activities.

Other plans for the week include having breakfasts at various locations across the state, to which legislators, Board of Transportation members and other policy-makers responsible for transportation issues will be invited. "The History of Transportation" slide show will be shown at each of the breakfasts.

Henry Clegg, assistant administrator of the Highway Division, is chairman of the transportation week planning committee.

Governor Hunt has proclaimed May 6-12 as North Carolina Bicycle Week.

In his proclamation, Governor Hunt stressed the role of the bicycle as a nonpolluting mode of transportation which also serves as a valuable tool in conserving energy resources, as well as being a form of recreation.

Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw joined with the Governor in urging local communities and civic

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Governor Jim Hunt presents two certificates to Mrs. Jane Donleycott, a Department of Transportation employee who was recently named "Mrs. North Carolina" for 1979. Mrs. Donleycott represented the state in the annual "Mrs. America" competition in March in Las Vegas. She presented these "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" certificates from Governor Hunt to dignitaries at the pageant. The governor noted his special pleasure in her selection since Mrs. Donleycott is a state employee with 13 years of service. A secretary in the driver services section of the transportation department's motor vehicles division, she is married to Timothy Donleycott. They have a 10-year old son and reside in Cary.

'Transportation Gets It Together!'

Dear Fellow Employees:

During National Transportation Week May 13-19, attention will be focused on the important contribution our transportation system makes to sustain and enhance the quality of life in our country.

We will be drawing attention to the key role our department plays in carrying out Governor Hunt's balanced growth and economic development program for the state through our efforts in transportation. Our theme, "Transportation Gets It Together," literally tells the story of our part in that effort.

The location of transportation facilities, such as highways, airports, and railroads, is one of the major elements of a company's decision in selecting a new site or expanding an existing industry. And, of course, the quality of life in our communities is enhanced by safe motor vehicle operation and improved forms of alternative transportation, such as public transit and bicycles.

While the great variety of transportation functions and our efforts will be in the spotlight in May, it is important to remember the valuable contribution our department makes year-round. The past 12 months have demanded much of us. The people of our state have looked to us to meet new and expanded challenges: to stand in the front line against floods, chemical spills and snowstorms and to address the impact of inflated costs and decreasing revenues in all our operations.

President Carter and Governor Hunt have recognized National Transportation Week with proclamations in support of the job we, together, are doing for our state and nation.

Tom Bradshaw

Tom Bradshaw, Secretary

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'(Technical) Information Please . . .'

If you want the location
Of certain information
The person to see
In DOT
Is Elizabeth Laney

Elizabeth Laney, the department's Director of Technical Information, has been collecting and compiling information for the past year on materials published, owned or received by the Department of Transportation.

The information that she collects will be part of a technical information center for department employees and the public.

"I hope to have the center where people in the department can call to locate materials or facts concerning transportation. I also want to provide information on transportation to people outside the department," she said.

Mrs. Laney has already published a list of all the periodicals, journals and magazines received by the department and where they can be located. Currently, she's working on a listing of all reports, books and documents owned by the department. It will contain information about the materials and their location.

"My main goal is to enable people to find transportation materials in their offices and other offices," she said.

There are about 30,000 publications received by the department and between 20 to 50 small libraries, according to Mrs. Laney. She said that two of the libraries have been cataloged according to standard Library of Congress procedures. She has plans to do the same type of cataloging for other information in the department.

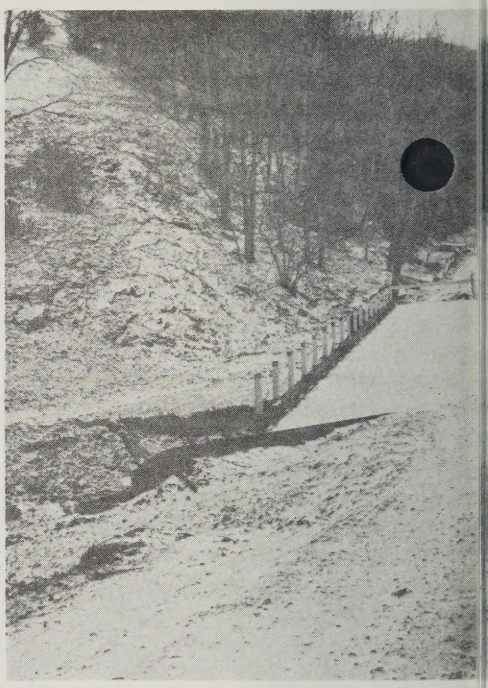
Director of Technical Information Elizabeth Laney cataloges periodicals which are received or published by the department. She also helps transportation staff locate information from other sources.

In addition to collecting information located in the department, she also helps transportation staff find information by calling other agencies and transportation libraries in the state and throughout the country.

Mrs. Laney, who worked for five years at the state library before coming to DOT, said although she plans to set up card catalogues of information in the department, loan policies would be set by each office.

She said she is collecting one copy of every item published by the department in her office, and sending copies to the State Library where they can be borrowed.

Mrs. Laney's office is located on the first floor of the Highway Building in Raleigh. Her telephone number is 733-2964.



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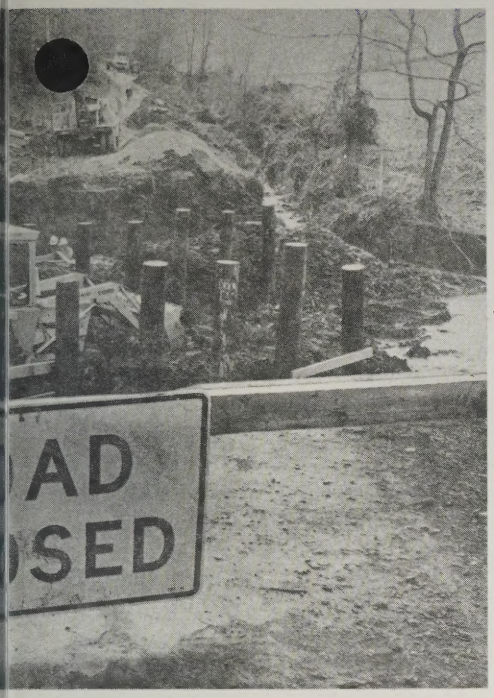

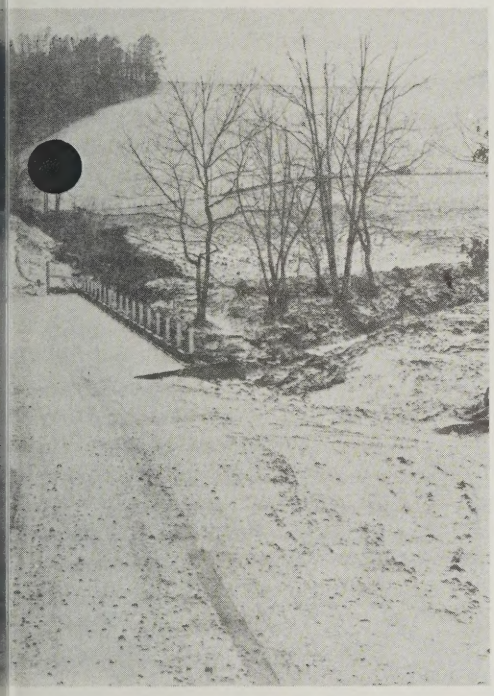

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New Plan 'Staggers' Registration

Secretary Tom Bradshaw expressed appreciation to Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Elbert L. Peters, Jr. and his staff for their participation in presenting legislation passed recently by the General Assembly that will stagger motor vehicle registration over 12 months.

"The diligence and professionalism of Eb Peters, Gonzalie Rivers and Sam Judge certainly paid off," said Bradshaw. "This was a complicated bill and their thorough preparation and hard work greatly assisted the legislators considering the new system."

"The entire Vehicle Services Section and Pete Peters of the Productivity Management Branch did an excellent job in preparing this program and we commend their efforts," the secretary said.

"We believe this new system will provide better service for the state's motor vehicle owners," Bradshaw continued. "The number of motor vehicles in our state has grown to the point that the former system is no longer practical. In addition, the new system will mean greater productivity in the department's vehicle services operation. This reflects Governor Jim Hunt's commitment to greater efficiency in serving the people of our state."

Bradshaw also thanked two legislators, Representative Bertha Holt and Senator Robert B. Jordan III, for their leadership efforts in passage of the legislation creating the new system.

This year approximately 3.2 million vehicle registrations were renewed. There has been an increase of 210,000 new registrations per year in North Carolina during the past several years.

Gonzalie Rivers, left, Director of Vehicle Services for the Division of Motor Vehicles, and Sam Judge, Assistant Director review plans to implement the new staggered motor vehicle registration system.

Bradshaw noted that, "The present system typically results in long lines of vehicle owners near the end of the six-week renewal period."

Earlier this year the legislature extended the deadline for display of tags and stickers at Bradshaw's request due to a large number of vehicles which had not been registered as the original deadline neared. Two major statewide snow storms struck North Carolina during the peak purchasing period in February, limiting vehicle owners access to license plate offices.

The secretary noted that details of the new system will be mailed with registration renewal notices in plenty of time to acquaint the public with the procedure.

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organizations to take the opportunity during bicycle week to initiate actvities emphasizing bicycle safety.

Also, the Eastern United States Regional Aerospace Contest is scheduled to be held in May.

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Program Is A 'Shoe-In'

About 9,000 transportation department employees across the state will be fitted with safety shoes over the next three months.

Only employees who may suffer foot injury on the job are required by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration Act to wear the shoes.

The shoes are being distributed from a large van, equipped with shelves full of shoes and benches where employees can sit while they are being fitted.

Shoe distribution began in late March, according to Robert Dunnagan, director of the department's occupational safety and emergency planning division.

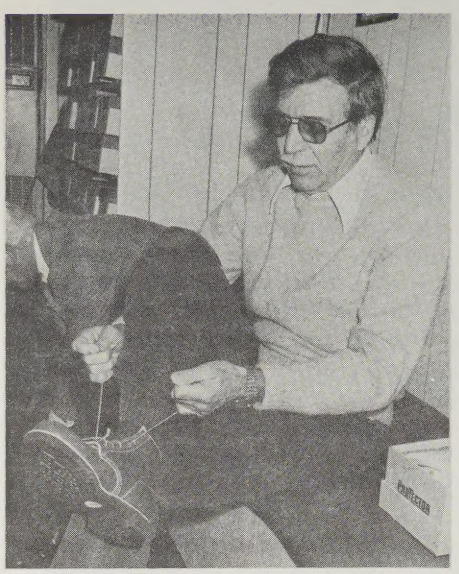
"The vendor comes in with a trailer filled with boxes of shoes," Dunnagan said. "The employees come in and are fitted. We started fitting and distributing the shoes in Raleigh to see how the program would work. The system has worked well here."

The "shoe-mobile" will travel to each of the 14 highway divisions to distribute the shoes. A tractor trailer carries additional shoes to the unit when it needs restocking.

The safety shoes vary in type of protection, according to Dunnagan. The regular safety shoe will have a steel toe. Employees working in jobs where electrical wires might fall on their feet will have shoes which are grounded. Employees handling heavy equipment will have an extra pad sewn in the tops of their shoes. And, employees who work on jobs where they may step on nails or glass will have puncture-proof shoes to protect their feet.

Although there is no initial cost, employees must buy all replacements. The only requirement, says Dunnagan, is that the shoes must bear a stamp by the American National Standards Institute for Safety stating they have been tested and approved.

The safety shoes will be added to the list of other safety equipment—hard hats, fluorescent orange vests (for visibility), safety glasses and safety gloves—required for certain jobs in the department.



Jack Parker of bridge maintenance in Raleigh laces up a new "safety shoe" which employees who may suffer foot injury on the job are receiving.

Two representatives of the shoe company providing "safety shoes" to department employees, from left, Randy Principino and Jerry McCoy, both of Charlotte, assist motor vehicles employee Wayne Barefoot in the selection of a new pair.

Loan Rates Increase

Loan rates for new cars and personal items have been increased at the State Employees Credit Union, according to Jim Blaine, vice president of the credit union.

Loans for new cars went from 9.5 to 11 annual percentage rate (APR). Blaine said that there are lesser interest rates for people borrowing against their savings account to pay for new cars.

The majority of loans made by the credit union is for personal items, such as medical bills, household furniture and appliances. The APR on personal loans was raised from 11.5 to 12 percent, Blaine said.

Blaine said he does not see any house mortgage money being offered by the employees credit union in the near future.

"Since October 1977 there hasn't been enough money for both mortgage and personal loans," Blaine explained. "When there isn't enough money for both types of loans, the philosophy of the credit union is to make the small loans to help as many people as possible."

Blain further explained that the credit union lends savings account money, and there has been a decline in the number of savings accounts opened and the amount of money people are putting into existing accounts. "The only way to lend money is to save money," he said.

The credit union has guaranteed a seven percent dividend on passbook savings accounts through June 30, he added.

New credit union offices will be opening up before July 1 in Elizabeth City, Shelby and at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh. There are currently 24 credit union branches across the state.

TRANSPORTATION YESTERDAY
In North Carolina: 1909 — Secretary of State issued auto license plate numbers and motorists made own tag.
Elsewhere: 1968 — Safety belts required on all passenger vehicles manufactured in the U. S.